

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 5, 17, and 18 are amended. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 12-14 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a continuing application.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Jain et al (US 5,729,471).

The present invention as recited in amended claims 1, 17, and 18 is to store the control information to control at least one operation of panning, tilting, zooming and iris of the imaging apparatus; output to the display unit the synthetic image which is obtained by synthesizing the symbol corresponding to the stored control information on the map indicating the setting location of the imaging apparatus, and transmit the stored control information to the imaging apparatus in response to the instruction of the symbol on the map by the instruction device.

Thus the present invention allows grasping the preset information concerning the camera operation on the map, and instructing the camera operation based on the preset information.

In contrast, Jain et. al. merely discloses that the message "Camera On" is displayed on the screen of Fig. 4. Unlike the present invention, Jain et al. does not teach or suggest to display control information to control at least one operation of panning, tilting, zooming or iris of an imaging apparatus.

Moreover, Jain et al merely discloses that tracking of the object designated by the cursor is performed. Unlike the present invention, Jain et. al. does not transmit any control information stored by a storage unit to the imaging apparatus in response to an instruction of a symbol on a map by an instruction device.

For at least these reasons, the device in Jain et al. does not permit a user to even know

preset information concerning the camera operation on the map, whereby operability cannot be improved.

Applicant respectfully submits that for claims to be anticipated by a reference in terms of 35 U.S.C. §102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference either expressly or inherently, and arranged as in the claims under review. Since every element of the claimed invention as amended is not identically shown and arranged as in Jain et al., reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as currently pending are patentable and in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.